

# **Washington State Patrol**

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### **Washington State Patrol Nets Huge Results from HOV Emphasis on SR 520**

The Washington state Patrol recently concluded a special emphasis on SR 520 in response to citizen complaints. Additional patrols were assigned to work areas that were frequently reported to have compliance problems.

At the conclusion of this emphasis which was conducted over the last several months a total of 886 car pool violators were contacted. Of these contacts 674 tickets were issued.

"Several other areas in King County have been identified for special enforcement as a result of concerns raised by citizens. Obviously our goal is to educate the public while highlighting these problem areas and correct the problems." said Trooper Jeff Merrill, a State Patrol spokesman.

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